



THE DOUG FLUTIE, JR. FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM

was established in 1998 by former NFL quarterback Doug Flutie and his wife, Laurie, whose personal experience of raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired their passion to help other families. Autism is a neurological disorder that impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills. Autism prevalence figures are growing and today it affects 1 in 68 children. It is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the U.S. and can cost a family \$60,000 a year on average.

Our Mission:

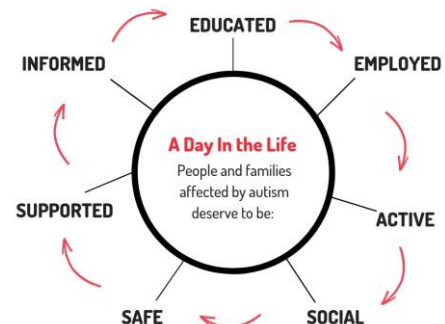
To help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

Our Vision:

Our vision is a world where people with autism lead productive lives where they are included, respected, and actively engaged in their communities.

Our Promise:

Our programs and activities improve the quality of everyday life for people and families affected by autism along **seven key dimensions** that are critical to living each day fully. We aim to provide a path for education and/or employment during the day; opportunities for physical and social activity outside of work/school; and the tools to be safe, supported, and informed at all times.



Our Strategic Initiatives:

To help people and families live life to the fullest, we layer **two key initiatives** which offer direct and collaborative support. Each initiative encompasses a variety of programs and activities that improve the quality of everyday life for people affected by autism by making sure they are educated, employed, active, social, safe, supported and informed.

1. **Direct Financial Support:** We provide direct financial assistance to families to help relieve the financial burden of caring for a loved one with autism.
2. **Collaborative Grant Making & Community Investments:** We collaborate with community organizations, schools and companies providing critical, innovative and responsive programming and/or services that are answering the everyday challenges facing the autism community today.